Syllabus for Math 522 – Topics in Analysis

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Office hours: Normally I would say that one can often find me in my office, or make an appointment, but this semester this should be interpreted in terms of Zoom.

Course objectives: Although the precise topics may depend on the interests of the class, we shall begin with some topics related to ultrametrics, absolute value functions on fields, and norms on vector spaces over such fields.

Grading: Normally I would say that the grades will be based on attendance and class participation, but some adaptations may be needed this semester.

Absences: Attendance will be an important part of the grades in this course, but there may be some adaptations this semester.

Textbooks: There are no required textbooks for this course.

Examinations and papers: None are expected to be assigned in this course.

Assignments: No pledged assignments are expected in this course.

Any student with a disability that requires accomodation is encouraged to contact the instructor and Disability Support Services in the Allen Center.

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